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Edinburgh, Thursday, December 24. 1730.

Wye's Letter Verbatim, London, Decem. 19.
Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland.

THE Letters from Dublin advise, that on Saturday last John Porter and Richard Johnston were executed, for the Murder of Patrick Murphy. They add, that Joseph Austin Esq; Mayor of Cork, had lately received an anonymous Letter, ordering him to put 50 Guineas under the Stocks at St. Peter's Church, on Pain of being murdered, and having his House and Effects burnt; upon which all the Watches were doubled that Night, and the Gates all secured; and that several threatning Letters had been likewise sent to Gentlemen about Kilkenny, demanding Money to be left in a Place assigned, which obliged them to keep constant Watch.

Last Night a Committee of Council was held at the Cockpit, Whitehall, at which the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Walpole, and several of the Lords assisted, on Affairs relating to South Carolina.

The Gentleman who has lately published several Remarks, on the Subject of paying the Debts of the Nation, says, That if each of the 1000 poor People should be employed, as mentioned in our last, in settling a Silk Manufacture in the said Colony, and allowed 15 l. Sterling, viz. 6 l. for their Passage, 3 l. for Tools, and 6 l. for Encouragement upon their first Arrival there, he will undertake to show how the Debts of that Colony may be paid with that Money, at the same Time that the Manufacture is carried on; which may likewise serve for a Model how the Debts of Great Britain may likewise be paid.

We hear that Colonel Cope's Regiment of Foot being gone from Gibraltar to Jamaica, will embark himself the first Opportunity in a Vessel directly for the said Island; and that the Lord Trawley will be made Governor of Barbadoes.

We are informed from Chester of the 15th, that Samuel Ward, late of Penkridge in Staffordshire, Esq; having by his Will left 1200 l. for augmenting 12 small Vicarages, that of Wrenburg being one of them, has already obtained his Bounty. And that on the Day before the Date, two Men were brought Prisoners to the Castle there from Bathgate, on suspicion of demanding 10 l. of a Grocer. And from Portsmouth we learn, That the Midshipman who had been committed to Goal with Sir Samuel Clark Bart. for a Robbery on the Highway, had impeached 16 Accomplices, several Midshipmen: That the *Advice* Man of War had taken in several Months Provisions, her upper Works were corking, and she preparing for Sea, to go, as is reported, in quest of one or more Ostend East India Ships.

The Defendants Mess. Shippen and Bowles, Supercargoes of the S. S. Ship *Prince Frederick*, have agreed with the Plaintiffs to pay 135 l. per Cent towards the Charges; which is accepted, and a Rule of Court made, that they shall pay 100 per Cent. the first of January next, and the Remainder the first of May following.

There are Letters from Seville of the first Inst. N. S. adviling, That Mr. Keene, the British Minister there, having renewed his Complaints relating to the Depredations committed on the English Subjects in the Spanish West Indies, the King had thereupon sent new Orders to the Viceroy of Mexico and other Governors, for an effectual Stop to be put thereto, and that no Attempts for the future shall be made which are repugnant to the Privileges granted by Treaties to the aforenamed Nation: And that his Catholick Majesty had likewise ordered, that the Customs and Duties on English Merchandises shall be settled on the same Foot as they were under the Government of K. Charles II. and that no English Ship taken on account of contraband Trade, or on any other Pretence whatsoever, shall be made Prize without his or his Council's Approbation.

Writs are passing the Seals for the 5 following Peers to be called up to the House of Lords, viz. Duke of Cleveland, Earl Ferrers, Earl Cowper, Lord Trevor, and Lord Bishop of Durham.

Sir William Billers has had a threatning Letter sent him; but, like others now, regards it not.

From

From the Weekly Journal, Decem. 19.

I wrote you last touching the K. of Spain's Illness, which is now said to be false. 'Tis certain such an Event would cool the present Negociations, so hotly carried on at this Court, and cut off many Thousands of Troops demanded for the Operation of the War, and render the March of the rest more deliberate and easy. However, I shall not run counter to the publick Assertion, *viz. That his Catholick Majesty is in perfect Health, tho' he does not stir out of his Chamber, as he used to do.*

The Answer which France has given to the Marquis de Castelaer, is in Substance, 'That she would 'fulfill without any Difficulty all her Engagements 'by the Seville Treaty, provided the Allies would 'furnish their Contingent.' The Dutch say, That they are ready to join the Allies with 3000 Men, and 6 Ships of War: And add, That in case of a General War, they will have an Army, that (to borrow a Word from the Game of *Chess*) will give *Check* to the K. of Prussia.

Although the Allies of Seville seem to promise very fair Conditions to Spain, yet People, the most distinguished for good Sense and Knowledge of publick Affairs, can hardly believe they'll determine to make War at last, notwithstanding the present Appearances. You very well know that England is engaged to furnish half the Number of Troops that France is to provide for this War, which is now talk'd of to be 120,000 Men; in this Case, England must furnish on her Part 60,000, though many believe that's too jolly a Company to be easily got together. Upon the whole, 'tis much to be doubted if France will come to any decisive Measures, till she sees what is done in the approaching Sessions of the British Parliament.

'Tis said a new Project is proposed to the Court of Vienna, to please the Queen of Spain; but this Project may meet with Difficulties. Who knows but it may occasion *new Treaties.* The old Proverb says, *The more the merrier, the fewer the better Cheer.*

From the French Amsterdam Gazette, Dec. 26.

Hamburg, Decem. 19. They write from Hesse, that the King of Sweden had sent Orders thither, to make out Lists of all the young Men there, from 24 to 26 Years old, in order to their being form'd into Militia; and for that Purpose, had ordered 30,000 Fusils and other proper Accoutrements, to be always kept in Readiness in the Arsenals of Cassel, Ziegenham and Marpurg. We hear from Hanover, That 5 Regiments of Foot and 2 of Horse, had marched thence to reinforce the Posts along the Hartz, even as far as Gottingen and Hamelen, where they have already 18,000 Men; That they continued to levy Troops in that Electorate with great Diligence and Success, so that they expected, against May next, the Troops of Hanover will consist of 34,000 Men, not to mention the Invalids and Militia.

Hamburg, Dec. 22. They write from Schwerin, That Duke Charles Leopold had sent one of his Counsellors to Vienna, with a Letter of Submission, to be delivered to the Emperor, by the Hands of Mr. Lanzinski, her Czarian Majesty's Minister at that Court.

Colegn, Dec. 17. Letters from Switzerland observe, That the King of Sardinia is not like to declare in Haste for the Seville Allies, notwithstanding all their advantageous Proposals made him.

Dusseldorp, Decem. 15. Letters from Cassel say, that the King of Sweden is expected there the Beginning of next Spring, to make his Abode some Time; and that the Hessian Troops in British Pay, were to march about the same Time for the Dutchy of Lunenburg, to form a Camp there, jointly with the Auxiliaries of Hanover, Swedeland and Denmark.

Brussels, Decem. 18. A Plan has been presented to the Government, for adding some new Works to the Fortifications of Ostend; whither an Engineer is actually sent, to sound the Harbour, in order to its being further deepned; which will facilitate the In-coming and Out-going of Vessels. They tell us from Graveline, that the French are busy on the Fortifications of that Place.

Paris, Decem. 19. They talk here of renewing the Alliance between France and the Swiss Protestant Cantons. They continue furnishing the Castle of St. Germains en Laye.

Vienna, Decem. 10. The Minister of Brunswick-Hanover solicites very strongly here, for the Investiture of the Dutchies of Bremen and Verden.

Rome, Decem. 4. The Pope has sent a Rescript to the Priests of the several Churches of this City, requiring them, at the Sacrifice of the Mass, to implore Heaven for Success in some important Designs his Holiness has in View; some think, that an Accommodation of the Differences between this Court and those of Lisbon and Turin, may be of the Number.

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Dantzick, Decem. 8. Letters from Conſtantinople, by way of Moſcow, aſſure, That the Preparations for War were exceeding great there; and that the Animoſity the Turks had conceiv'd againſt Prince Thamas and the Perſians, was now greater than ever. They add, That the Report that had been ſpread, of the new Sultan having ſent a Miniſter to that Prince with Propoſals for an Accommodation, was groundleſs; alſo, That Prince Thamas had ſo cloſely block'd up the City of Babylon, that in all Appearance the Garriſon, conſiſting of 12000 of the beſt Ottoman Troops, would ſoon be obliged to ſurrender at Diſcretion; whereby this Prince will become Maſter of the whole Kingdom of Babylon, and of all Armenia.

From the Evening Poſts, Decem. 19.

Stockholm, Dec. 10. 'Tis much talked, that an Alliance is near concluding between his Swediſh Majeſty, the King of Great Britain and the Duke of Brunſwick Wolfembuttle, for the mutual Defence of each others Dominions. 'Tis alſo ſaid, that an Army of 25,000 Men in Lower Saxony is to be raiſed, and that the Princes of the ſaid Houſe of Saxony are to be invited into the ſaid Treaty. We hear alſo, that the Troops of this Kingdom will be augmented, and that Sweden will be able to bring an Army into the Field next Spring of 40,000 Men.

Hague, Dec. 24. 'Tis certain, that a Squadron of 15 Men of War will be fitted out againſt the next Spring.

Vienna, Dec. 13. Beſides the Recruits for compleating the Imperial Regiments on the Foot of the laſt Augmentation, we are likewiſe aſſured that it has been reſolved to raiſe ſeveral new Regiments, as well of Horſe as Foot; and it is ſaid, that in order to defray ſome Part of the Expence of theſe new Levies, all the Officers from the General to the Enſign and Cornet, will be obliged to contribute thereto, according to their Rank. They talk likewiſe of ſeveral new Taxes for the Support of the War, which appears inevitable.

London, Dec. 17. Letters from Wincheſter ſay, That Sir Simon Clarke, Bart. and one who ſays he was a Lieutenant of a Man of War, were laſt Week committed to Jail there, being charged with two Robberies on the Highway, near to Petersfield in Hants, and taking 12 ſh. from one Man, and 26 ſh. from another: The laſt Countryman they robbed, purſued them to Petersfield, and took 'em at an Alehouſe drinking; and they not thinking they were purſued, ſate in a public Room, which ſhews they were but young Beginners. The unfortunate young Baronet is about 24 Years old, of an ancient Family in Warwickſhire, deſcended from *Anchitel de Woodchurch*, whoſe Son was Conſtable of the Tower of London, *&c.* during the Days of King William II. from whom deſcended Sir *Simon de Woodchurch*, who attended K. Edward in the Scots Wars; and by marrying Suſan, Daughter and Heir of *Henry le Clarke*, and acquiring a large Inheritance, he aſſumed the Name of *Clarke*, which his Family continued. From him, after ſeveral Generations, deſcended Sir *Simon Clerk* of *Salford*, created a Baronet by K. James I. 1617. He married the Daughter and Coheir of John Alderford of Abbots-Salford in Warwickſhire, where he purchaſed the Mannor of *Salford*, *&c.* The Eſtate of the Family (near 2000 l. per annum) was ſold by the Grandfather of the preſent Sir Simon; and he being left by his Father very poor, was obliged to go to Sea in the 1726; and ſince his Return being in very low Circumſtances, mere Neceſſity drove him to this raſh Action. He is ſaid to be a Perſon of good Underſtanding; and 'tis almoſt impoſſible to deſcribe the Affliction and Agony his Misfortunes have brought him to. He is very poor in Wincheſter Jail; and 'tis hoped, from the Antiquity of his Family, the Services they have done the Publick, the Misfortunes he has ſuffered, and it being the firſt Fact he has been charged with, ſome generous Perſon will be moved to aſſiſt him.

Laſt Night the Earl of Selkirk arrived here from Edinburgh.

Col. Chartris is preparing to ſet out for North-Britain, to viſit his Eſtates there.

This Day William Halliwel the old Beadle, and William Huggins the young Waterman, ſtood in the *Pillory* for *Sodomitical Practices* in the great Stair in St. Paul's!

The Dutcheſs of Monmouth is much indiſpoſed.

Dublin, Decem. 21. The Iriſh Officers in the French Service, are ſtill here.

Edinburgh, Dec. 24. Tueſday laſt another Letter demanding Money, *&c. with Certification*, was dropt (directed for Bailie James Seton, one of the preſent Magiſtrates of this City.) And Yeſterday one Alexander Speers, a Boy about 15 Years, was taken up on Suſpicion; who, upon his Examination before the Magiſtrates, acknowledged he wrote the above Letter,

Letter, also that dropt for Mr. Sievewright; but declared at the same time, That he had no Plot in writing either, but Diversion.

Tomorrow (the 27th Day of the Moon) 'tis High Water at *Leith*, at 11 o'Clock, 51 Min. Saturday, at 12, 39 Min. Monday, at 2, 15 Min.

Haddington, Decem. 18, 1730.

Best Wheat, 08 00 00.	2d, 07 14 00.	3d, 07 10 00
Best Bear, 05 02 00.	2d, 05 00 00.	3d, 04 16 00
Best Oats, 04 17 00.	2d, 04 14 00.	3d, 04 10 00
Best Pease, 03 05 00.	2d, 03 00 00.	3d, 02 16 00

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶¶¶ The Trustees for the Creditors of Collonel JAMES RUTHVEN (*alias* JOHNSTON) of GRAITNEY, having formerly given Notice, That they had paid off the preferable Creditors; and that they intended, at Candlemass next, to make a Dividend of the remaining Part of the Price of the Estate of *Graitney*, and the Rents uplifted out of the Estate of *Freeland*, to the Collonel's other Creditors; and for that Purpose, had intimate to the said Creditors, to lodge their Grounds of Debt, with a just Accompt of what was truly due to each of them, in the Hands of *William Johnston* Writer in Edinburgh, Clerk to the said Trustees, 'twixt and the First of October last by past: And whereas several of the said Creditors have delayed to lodge their Claims in Manner foresaid, they are hereby yet desir'd to give them in, so as they can depone on the Verity of the samen, to the said *William Johnston*, betwixt and the First Day of February next; with Certification, That the said Trustees will proceed to make the Dividend, without Regard to such Creditors as shall neglect to give in their Claims.

Just now come Home,

☞ A Parcel of exceeding Good and Large LIMONS, BITTER and SWEET ORANGES; to be Sold either in Chests or Retail, at very reasonable Rates, by Mr. *ARCHBALD SHEELS* at his Shop at the *Hand and Orange*, below the *Cross*, Edinburgh, or at his Warehouse in Leith: At which Shop you may have good CHESNUTS and WALNUTS, fit either for Planting or Eating; Scots and Spanish Nuts, and all Kinds of Fruits in Season, Sugars, &c. and every Kind of *Grocery Ware*.

¶¶ That the annual *Silver Plate* of *L.* 30 Value, given by the Honourable Company of HUNTERS, is to be Run for on the Sands of Leith, upon Thursday the Thirty-first Day of December instant, by any Hunting-Horse, Mare or Gelding that has been in the Custody of any of the Companions for Six Months, and never gain'd a Prize in Plate or Money to the Value of *L.* 30 sterl. The other Articles are to be seen in the Hands of Mr. *Morgan* in Leith, where the Horses must be entred Two Days before the Starting.

All the Companions are desir'd to meet at Mr. *Morgan*'s about One of the Clock said 31st Day of December, to concert some Affairs of Importance.

This by Order of the PRESES and COUNCIL.

DAVID BAIRD, S. C. C.

Exchequer, Nov. 19, 1730.

Notice is hereby given, by Order of the Right Honourable the BARONS OF EXCHEQUER, That they have Adjourned the Sale of the Arrears or Rests of the Estate of *William* late Earl of *Seaforth*, to the Third Day of February next 1731, in th' EXCHEQUER COURT, at Twelve of the Clock. Particulars whereof, and of the Terms of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of the Deputy Remembrancer.

W. BOWLES, D. R. R.

¶¶¶ The Property of the Lands and Estate of *SAINT GERMAINS*, which belonged to John Seton of Saint Germains, being to be sold by publick Roup before the Lords of Session, at the Instance of his Creditors, on Thursday the Seventh of January next, betwixt 2 & 3 in the Afternoon. The Superiority of the said Lands (a good Part whereof hold *Ward*) which belonged to Sir William Menzies, and was conveyed by Mr. Thomas Menzies of Lethem (his Son and Heir) to his Creditors and their Trustees; Is to be exposed to Roup, at the same Time, by the said Trustees. The Conditions of Sale of the said Superiority to be seen in the Hands of James Halliburton, Writer to the Signet, their Clerk, at his Chamber in the Luckenbooths.

By Order of the Managers of the Linen Manufacture and Bleacheries at Coupar in Fife.

SEeing some Persons who had Cloth bleached at Coupar last Season, complain'd of their Linen being too high valued; In order to state the Price of the Bleaching, to prevent the like in time coming, and to give every Body Satisfaction, the Prices of Cloth for the ensuing Season are to be stated as follows, viz. All Cloth Yard-wide, wrought in a Reed under 12 Hundred Warp, at 3 d. per Yard. Cloth wrought in 12 Hundred to 14, at 4 d. per Yard. Cloth wrought in a 14 Hundred to 16, at 5 d. per Yard. Cloth wrought in a 16 Hundred and upwards, at 6 d. per Yard, Yard-wide, and so in Proportion for all Cloth, broader or narrower. It is therefore earnestly intreated of all who intend to send Cloth to said Bleachfield, that for their own Satisfaction they will cause work their Cloth with the Porters and Hundreds in the Ends of the Web, conform to Act of Parliament; and by so doing it will prevent Mistakes, and every Person will be a Judge what they are to pay for bleaching their Cloth. Where the Porters and Hundreds are wanting, the Prices will be as follows, viz. All Cloth valued under 20 d. per Yard, at 3 d. Cloth from 20 d. to 2 sh. 6 d. at 4 d. Cloth from 2 sh. 6 d. to 3 sh. 4 d. at 5 d. per Yard; all Cloth from 3 sh. 4 d. and upwards, at 6 d. per Yard, being Yard-wide, and so in Proportion for Cloth of a Quarter or less Breadth. The Cloth will be taken in at the House of Mr. Hugh Hamilton, Merchant in Covenant-close, Edinburgh; at the Shop of Mr. Thomas Oliphant, Merchant in Perth; at Mr. James Speed's, at the Linen-Stamp-office in Dundee; at the Shop of Mr. James Thomson, Merchant in Kirkaldie; and at the Shop of Mr. Alexander Barclay in Coupar.

The Occasion of the Cloth not being returned so early as was expected last Season, was owing to the *Scarcity of Sour Milk*; but as a considerable Quantity thereof is now provided to serve in the Spring, 'tis hoped there shall be no Occasion in Time coming to keep Cloth so long. 'Tis earnestly intreated, that no Person do mark their Cloth with Silk, or any thing but Thread made of Lint; and that they will mark their Name or Title in one End, and the Number of Yards in the other.

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